

I believe compelling VoIP services and broadband ISPs to comply with CALEA are beyond the authority of the FCC. This is a matter that should be decided by congress not a group of appointed bureaucrats. I would also point out that when the phone companies were forced to rewire their networks to comply with CALEA they received funding to help with the cost. It's my understanding that the FCC intends to make ISPs and VoIP providers shoulder the cost of coming in compliance, meaning they will no doubt pass this additional cost on to consumers (a move that might cause some problems for the Presidents plans to increase broadband availability). I'd also urge caution when expanding law enforcements ability to spy on U.S citizens, especially if the Patriot Act II gets passed by congress.